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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: HICKMAN, ET AL.,

APPLICATION No.: 09/631,424

FILED: AUGUST 3, 2000

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A
WIDE AREA NETWORK

EXAMINER: PATEL, A.

ART UNIT: 2664

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Transmittal

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:

- ☒ Interview Summary and Remarks;
- ☒ Terminal Disclaimer; and
- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

2. Entity Status

- ☒ Applicants claim Small Entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

4. Provisional Fee Authorization

- ☒ Please charge any underpayment in fees for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures to Deposit Account No. 50-3539.

Respectfully submitted,

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NEO1P025.US02**INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND REMARKS**

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Dear Sir:

On June 7, 2006, the undersigned received a telephone call from the Examiner who indicated that this application, and its sibling application U.S. Serial No. 09/633,497, were in condition for allowance as long as a Terminal Disclaimer was filed in each application with respect to their parent application U.S. Serial No. 08/847,921, now U.S. Patent No. 6,996,609. Applicant indicated that he would review the files and call the Examiner back on June 8, 2006.

In a telephone conversation on June 8, 2006, Applicant indicated that he would be filing terminal disclaimers in both applications with traverse in order to expedite the issuance of the patents. Applicant also indicated that he would be filing a supplemental IDS in each application, which the Examiner agreed to consider, and that the Applicant would be reviewing this application for inventorship.

This application is a continuation of parent application No. 08/847,921, now U.S. Patent No. 6,996,609, which claimed the benefit of U.S. Serial Nos. 60/016,680 and 60/016,873. It

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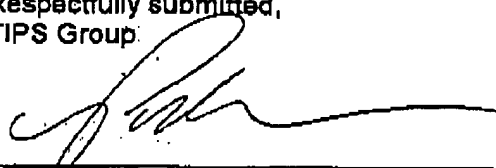
also incorporated by reference U.S. Serial No. 08/847,816, now abandoned. This application has two pending sibling applications, namely U.S. Serial Nos. 09/633,497 and 11/312,289.

Under the provisions of MPEP §609 and §2001.06(b), the Examiner has already considered the prior art in parent application 08/847,921. The supplemental IDS includes references from U.S. Serial Nos. 08/847,816 and 09/633,497. Applicant respectfully requests the consideration and entry of these references into the record.

Michael L. Gough is a co-inventor of the allowed claims and was previously added as a co-inventor in a petition filed on April 12, 2004.

Applicant believes that this applicant is now in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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